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## ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

## 1975-76 PLANNING PROGRAM SUMMARY

*ABAG*  
*Reg. plan. -- CA -- SF bay area*  
GENERAL EMPHASIS

The year 1975-76 work program will be designed to support an Agency emphasis in three general areas:

Plan Development -- revision of the Regional Plan's overall structure and framework as well as the addition or refinement of individual plan elements such as Environmental Resources, Human Services and Housing.

Plan Implementation -- an emphasis on developing specific, defensible standards and criteria for use in Plan, Project, and Environmental Reviews, as well as an aggressive application of Part IV of A-95, which requires greater coordination between single purpose regional agencies (using Federal funds) and the designated comprehensive planning agency.

Development of Technical Capacity -- this will include further improvements of ABAG's modeling and data management system.

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Environmental Resources -- The preparation of a Regional Environmental Management Plan Element to the ABAG Comprehensive Regional Plan that will relate individual environmental concerns to one another and present a range of alternative strategies for achieving environmental objectives. These can be evaluated -- alongside social and economic issues -- within the comprehensive framework. In addition, a number of important, more specialized programs are underway, including Land Capability Implementation and the continuing Land Use, Air and Water Quality Study for EPA in Sonoma County.

Human Services -- ABAG has been awarded grants from HEW (Washington) for the development of better Health Services forecasting and accessibility measurement techniques; from HEW (Region IX) for participation with the League of California Cities and the County Supervisors Association in a statewide project designed to increase the capacities of local government to plan and manage human services programs more effectively. Finally, ABAG secured through the Intergovernmental Personnel Act an employment planning specialist to assist in reviewing CETA and other manpower program applications. Each of these programs will be ongoing in FY 1975-76 and all will be focused upon meeting two overriding priorities: the development of a Regional Human Services Plan Element and support of a thorough, efficient review of plans and projects submitted through A-95.

Plan and Project Review -- This program will be aimed at several objectives for FY 1975-76, including: a positive application of Part IV of A-95 (the section working more closely with single-purpose regional agencies); developing of criteria of regional significance and project review criteria in each of the functional planning areas; preparing and applying procedures for ABAG's review of projects which are not Federally funded but which are of areawide impact; and developing and implementing procedures for conducting joint reviews with other regional agencies on projects of mutual interest.



Urbanization and Development -- Work during FY 1975-76 will focus on two major programs: implementing the Regional Housing Plan (Phase I) and defining the Urbanization and Growth policies necessary to implement the concept of a city-centered region. This includes revising the Housing Allocation Plan which will specify each county's fair share of housing needs, taking into account such factors as fiscal capacity, environmental quality, and access to employment. Considerable responsibilities are placed upon ABAG by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Key activities critical to growth management in this Urbanization and Growth Policy work program will include defining the purpose and scope of the Series 3 projections; assessing local governments' response to Series 3; and participating in ABAG/MTC Joint Program Corridor Evaluations.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Analysis -- In addition to developing and maintaining the mathematical, economic, demographic, land use, air and water quality forecasting models, this division also performs policy analyses and research tasks in support of various parts of the planning program. It also provides technical assistance to member governments. Work in the following areas will be of high priority during 1975-76:

- Substantial improvements in small area forecasts of employment, population and land use.
- Increased information about industrial land and potential industrial development.
- Work on fiscal analysis to be expanded: (1) to make available to member governments the cost/revenue analytical techniques developed in the Fairfield pilot study and (2) to undertake an examination of the desirability and implications of tax and revenue reform in the region.
- Land capability and land resource data to be incorporated into the land use forecasting system. Efforts specifically directed toward introducing geological and land resource data into the modeling system are underway.

Technical Information -- This division, like Analysis, has the dual objectives of providing support to the planning and management programs and technical assistance to member governments. Priority activities for 1975-76 will include development of information systems for various planning functions, more efficient servicing of data requests from member governments; improved coordination of computer-related activities between ABAG and MTC; and the further development of ABAG's geographic data base.

#### JOINT PLANNING ACTIVITIES WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Interspersed throughout ABAG's 1975-76 Work Program will be a number of joint planning tasks with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission which are summarized below:

Corridor Evaluation -- Recently the ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee has initiated the first in a series of in-depth analyses of planning corridors as defined in the MTC Regional Transportation Plan. These corridor evaluations are an attempt



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to (1) forge a link between regional and local planning and (2) achieve a definitive integration of comprehensive and land use planning in a specific corridor. The first corridor chosen was the San Mateo Coast. During 1975-76 the Joint Planning team will undertake two or three additional corridors, devoting a major portion of Joint Program resources to this effort. Presently, Santa Clara, East Bay, and Golden Gate are corridors under consideration.

Modeling and Data Systems -- Efforts will focus on continued refinement and integration of the technical systems employed by the two agencies.

Airport Planning -- It is expected that a major update of the RASS Plan will begin in March 1975 and continue through most of 1976.

Joint Reviews -- During 1974-75 procedures and criteria are being developed for conducting joint ABAG/MTC reviews of plans and projects of mutual interest. In 1975-76 considerable resources will be devoted to execution of such reviews.

### SECTION 208 PLANNING

Under Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, ABAG has been funded by the Environmental Protection Agency to make comprehensive decisions, with the help of local governments and citizens, to solve the region's water quality problems. Specifically, the Act provides a unique opportunity to plan and manage a comprehensive program that:

- Identifies anticipated municipal and industrial treatment facilities over a 20 year period.
- Identifies required urban storm water and agricultural runoff control systems.
- Establishes priorities for the construction of new facilities over five and twenty year periods.
- Establishes a regulatory program to: (1) provide areawide waste treatment management including identification, evaluation, and control or treatment of all point and non-point pollution sources; (2) regulate the location, construction or modification of waste-discharging facilities; and (3) assure that industrial or commercial wastes discharged into publicly owned treatment works meet applicable pre-treatment requirements.
- Identifies and provides for management and control of all other sources of water pollution.
- Links air quality planning to water quality planning.

ABAG expects to complete the 208 work program by March 1976.

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